Subject No. 83.
Excise contracts to be given only to men of approved good character.

Summary of discussion.—Contracts for Arrack and Toddy shops may be granted only to men of approved good character.

Reply of Government.—This is being done now as far as possible. Breaches of conditions of license are adequately noticed.

Subject No. 84.
Removal of the restrictons on the sale of Nilgiri beer.

Summary of discussion.—The restrictions imposed on the sale of Nilgiri beer may be removed.

Reply of Government.—No restrictions at present exist except the liability to pay a duty before importation of the beer which does not come under "Foreign Liquor."

Local and Municipal Funds.

Subject No. 85.
(a) Local Cess.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Local Cess collected in a Taluk should be spent for purposes connected with that Taluk.

Mr. Nanjundappa and Mr. Venkatachalaiya of Anekal and Mr. Venkatramaiya of Devanhalli said that the same rule should be adopted in the case of a village.

(b) Transfer of Local Cess on Toddy to District Funds.

(*b*) The Local Cess on Toddy Revenue may be added to Local Funds to enable Local Fund Boards to maintain their roads in pro[illegible] condition.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) and (*b*) These proposals will be considered in connection with the new Local Fund Regulation under preparation.

Subject No. 86.
(a) Cattle-pound levies to be sold by auction.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Cattle-pounds are in charge of Patels who have multifarious duties to perform and have no time either to impound or to release cattle in due time. The right of levying pound collections may therefore be sold annually by public auction as in the case of Tolls.

(b) Patels to be relieved of Cattle Pound work.

(*b*) Village Patels may be relieved of the charge of Cattle-pounds and made to devote their time and attention to the sanitation of villages and the repairs of boundary marks.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) and (*b*)The Government consider these suggestions impracticable.

Subject No. 87.
Improvement of Cattle-pounds.

Summary of discussion.—The condition of Cattle-pounds should be improved.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible.

Subject No. 88.
Rates of Cattle-pound fe[illegible]

Summary of discussion.—The present Pound charges are very high and may be reduced to the former rates.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Row of Chikmagalur, on the other hand advocated increase of rates in the Malnad.

Reply of Government.—The rates now fixed seem reasonable and need no revision.

Subject may be entrusted to Taluk Boards.